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Biography

United States Air Force

Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20330

GENERAL THOMAS M. RYAN JR.

neral Thomas M. Ryan Jr. is commander, Air Training mmand, with headquarters at Randolph Air Force Base, xas. The command is responsible for recruiting Air Force rsonnel and providing them with military, technical, flying, d professional training and education.

General Ryan was born Dec. 10, 1928, in Detroit and aduated from Ridgewood (N.J.) High School in 1946. He ceived a bachelor of science degree in military science from e University of Omaha, Neb., in 1965, and a master of ence degree in international affairs from The George ashington University, Washington, D.C., in 1968. The neral graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College at rfolk, Va., in 1965 and from the Air War College at Maxwell r Force Base, Ala., in 1968.

His military career began as an aviation cadet in otember 1949 and, after completing pilot training at Reese r Force Base, Texas, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in October 1950. He then ved in various flying assignments with the Strategic Air Command at Barksdale Air Force se, La.; Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico; and Hunter Air Force Base, Ga., until July 1953 en he entered observer training school at Ellington and James Connally Air Force Bases, xas.

From May 1954 to June 1962, he was assigned to Forbes Air Force Base, Kan., as a B-47 ot, select crew aircraft commander, instructor pilot and squadron operations officer. In 1958 became a standardization evaluator in the 90th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing.

General Ryan transferred to SAC headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., in June 1962 a staff officer in the Plans and Organizational Section of the Weapons Management Branch, apons Maintenance Division. In February 1965 he entered the Armed Forces Staff College and llowing graduation in July 1965 he joined the SR-71 equipped 4200th Strategic Reconnaissance ng at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., where he served as chief of the Quality Control Division d later as chief of the Maintenance Control Division.

In July 1968 he graduated from the Air War College and then attended RF-4C combat crew ining at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. In March 1969 he was assigned to the 432nd Tactical connaissance Wing at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, as a maintenance control icer and later as chief of maintenance. During this tour of duty he flew 114 combat missions RF-4C's.

Upon his return to the United States, General Ryan served on the staff of the inspector neral, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., from April 1970 to June 1971. He then nsferred to Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Mich., as vice commander and then commander of the 9th Bombardment Wing. During 1972 and 1973, he completed a temporary tour of duty as

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with five oak leaf clusters
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

E. Effective Dates of Promotions

Grade	Temporary	Permanent
Second Lieutenant		Oct 28, 1950
First Lieutenant	Jun 3, 1952	Oct 28, 1953
Captain	Jan 17, 1956	Oct 28, 1957
Major	Jul 15, 1963	Oct 28, 1964
Lieutenant Colonel	Nov 21, 1966	Oct 28, 1971
Colonel	Oct 1, 1969	Oct 1, 1973
Brigadier General	Oct 1, 1973	Nov 9, 1976
Major General	Sep 1, 1975	Feb 8, 1979
Lieutenant General	Jul 1, 1977	
General	Aug 1, 1981	

(Date of rank July 31, 1981)

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